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1. The air force construction headquarters in Werder controlled a number of Bauunion firms which among other assignments were employed for airfield construction work. Soviet personnel assigned to this construction headquarters in May 1952 included Colonel Zukhorukov (fnu), who was referred to by the other officers of the agency as chief; Lieutenant Colonel Smynov (fnu), finance officer; Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov (fnu), chief technical officer; Major Olenik (fnu), technical officer who is also concerned with financial problems, since May on leave in Moscow; Major Shudakov (fnu), materiel procurement officer; Major Tsubanov (fnu), construction supervisor at the Werneuchen airfield; Captain Laukhin (fnu), construction supervisor at the airfield under construction near Lahlwinkel; Captain Smynov (fnu), in charge of construction work at the Lahlwinkel airfield, no relative of Lieutenant Colonel Smynov. All correspondence and account sheets will be sent by the Bauunions to the construction headquarters in Werder for the attention of Herr Terishchenko. Source did not know whether this was the cover name or real name of a Soviet officer.

2. The construction headquarters in Werder placed all airfield construction orders with the individual Bauunion firms. The standard organizational setup of a bauunion was as follows:

Production Department:

a. Civil Engineering Department I, for airfield construction work.

b. Civil Engineering Department II, for bridge and canal construction work.

Aboveground Working Department, construction of dwellings. Industrial Constructions Department, construction of factories and barracks installations for the Volks-polizei.

In May 1952, the Brandenburg Bauunion was doing construction work at the Werneuchen and Lahlwinkel airfields. (1) Source learned from the German construction supervisor in Werneuchen that, according to a statement of Major Tsubanov, work on a new construction project near Berlin was to be started soon. The new project was to be more extensive than that of Werneuchen. (2)

3. In May 1952, source learned at a conference held at the air force construction headquarters in Werder that it was envisaged to establish a German Central Administration for the Construction of Airfields. It was reportedly intended to charge this new agency with airfield construction work after the establishment of a German Army in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Source also learned that the German

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agency was to be located at No 100 Eisenbahnstrasse, Werder. The Soviet Air Force construction headquarters is presently located at 107 Eisenbahnstrasse, Werder. (3)

4. On 23 May, Colonel Zulkharukov was on leave. His deputy was Lieutenant Colonel Smyrnov, who on this day, informed Captain Mironenko (Snu) that he had been promoted to the rank of major.

- 25X1A \* ☐ Comment. The report supplements and confirms previous information on the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder. Information on the organizational set-up of the Baunntions is received for the first time.
- 25X1A \*\* ☐ Comment. This information may refer to the improvement of Oranienburg airfield. Construction work which had allegedly been planned at this field since April 1952, had not been started by June.
- 25X1A \*\*\* ☐ Comment. The establishment of a German central agency in charge of all airfield construction work in the Soviet zone of Germany is credible. The planned location of this agency in the immediate vicinity of the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder indicates that the Russians will continue to exercise a close control over all these projects.

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